

(c) The scheme was submitted to the Ganga Flood Control Commission for appraisal who had examined the proposal and communicated their observations to the State Government in April, 2006. Further compliance from the State Government is awaited. Sanction of the Project would depend upon the response of the State Government in furnishing the requisite details to the appraising agencies.

Flood management being State subject, the scheme for flood control are planned, investigated and executed generally by the State Governments with their own funds. Release of Central Assistance to the Project would depend upon techno-economic viability of the scheme and investment clearance from Planning Commission.

IPCC report on shortage of water in India

861. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recent report of Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Paris, predicting a grave situation for India on water availability in the coming decades;

(b) whether papers presented from India to IPCC add up to a serious shortage of water, from 1800 cbm to 1000 cbm per capita in the coming decade; and

(c) whether the report has also warned about the depletion of water flow in most of our glacier-fed rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a body established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has released only one part of the report i.e. that of the Working Group 1 of the IPCC titled "Climate Change 2007—The Physical Science Basis" on February 2, 2007. The report provides a global assessment of observed climate change, climate processes and estimates of project/future climate change. According to the Report, anthropogenic warming and sea level rise would continue for centuries due to the time scales associated with climate processes and feedbacks. The report provides findings at the continental level. No country specific findings are given.